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Application of: Chen *et al.*

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR §1.136(A)

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
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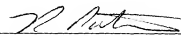
Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action dated November 20, 2002, be extended for a period of 1 month from February 20, 2003 to and including March 20, 2003.

The fee for this extension is estimated to be \$110.00. Please charge the required fee to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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